President's assent to a Bill from Karnataka

2437. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, 2002 for obtaining the assent of the President; and

(b) if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Bill is likely to be finalized shortly.

Assent to Karnataka Stamp Bill, 2003

2438. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sent the Karnataka Stamp Bill, 2003 for obtaining the assent of the President;

(b) if so, when the above Bill was sent for statutory clearance; and

(c) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Bill, 2003, reserved by the Governor of Karnataka for consideration of the President, was received in Ministry of Home Affairs on 01.04.2003. Some observations of the Central Government on the Bill have been forwarded to the State Government of Karnataka for clarifications. The requisite clarifications are yet to be received.

Financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for safeguarding intrusion of foreigners

2439. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 900 km. long Tamil Nadu coast is vulnerable due to the internal strike in Sri Lanka;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Tamil Nadu Government has to incur heavy expenditure or police force in guiding the coastal line to prevent intrusion of undeniable foreigners and terrorists; and

(c) if so, whether Government would provide special assistance to Tamil Nadu treating it as a border State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Government is aware of the vulnerability of the Tamil Nadu coast to illegal cross border activities.

(b) and (c) The Governments of the coastal States including Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory Administrations were advised to prepare perspective plan for coastal security for which certain indicative parameters were identified and circulated to them. Government would provide such assistance as feasible for implementation of the plan.

Non-compliance with SC guidelines regarding undertrials

2440. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints against State Police Forces not complying with the guidelines of the Supreme Court while arresting and keeping the accused in jail, have been received;

(b) whether complaints have also been received regarding undertrial prisoners in the State Government jails being not extended the basic fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution;

(c) whether any such instances have been reported and brought to the notice of Government from Kerala and Tamil Nadu States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The National Human Rights Commission does not have a separate mechanism to identify the number of complaints where violation of guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court as laid down in the case of D.K. Basu V/s. State of West Bengal as taken place. However, during the year 2002-2003, the Commission has received 3595 complaints alleging illegal detention/arrest.